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SUBJECT: NATURAL GAS NEGOTIATIONS

1. THE SIGNS ARE ALL FAVORABLE FOR AN EARLY AND SUCCESSFUL
CONCLUSION OF THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN UNION OIL AND THE RTG
TO FIX A PRICE FOR NATURAL GAS. CHASE MANHATTAN SENIOR VICE
PRESIDENT RICHARD HIGGENSON TOLD AMBASSADOR THIS WEEK HE FULLY
EXPECTED AN AGREEMENT TO BE REACHED IN NEXT FEW DAYS. AMBASSADOR
HAS ALSO SPOKEN ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THIS WEEK WITH MINISTER OF
INDUSTRY KASEM CHATIKAWANIT WHO ALSO EXUDES CONFIDENCE THE
LONG-PROTRACTED PRICE DISCUSSIONS ARE NOW COMING TO AN END
AND A DEAL WILL BE STRUCK SATISFACTORY TO BOTH SIDES.

2. UNION OIL RESIDENT V.P. BILL GREENWALT BEGAN WHAT SHOULD BE
THE FINAL ROUND OF TALKS MAY 10. OTHER COMPANY OFFICIALS INCLUDING
HAL LIAN, PRESIDENT, INTERNATIONAL DIVISION, ARE ARRIVING TODAY.
GREENWALT IS ALSO OPTIMISTIC AGREEMENT IS IN SIGHT.

3. THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEMS ON AGREEING ON A WORK PROGRAM
AND RENEWING THE CONCESSION AGREEMENTS ONCE AN AGREEMENT
GAS PRICE HAS BEEN DETERMINED, ACCORDING TO GREENWALT.

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